

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are in the application.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 12, 18-20, 22-23, 25 and 27 are amended.

Claims 1 and 27 are amended to cancel reference to an organization of objects based on linkages.

Claims 7, 10, 12, 18-20, 22-23 and 25 are amended for clarity and/or scope, but not on a basis of patentability.

The specification has been amended to cancel the prefix protocol identifier "http://".

Claim 1, line 6, as well as claim 27, have been amended to recite "a hierarchal"

Claims 2-6, 10-13, 15-25 and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite.

Claims 2 and 28 are amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the "user defined information content criteria". It is believed that this amendment overcomes the alleged indefiniteness rejection.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting in view of US 6,868,525 B1.

The examiner believes that the differences between the present claims (original) and those of US 6,868,525 are merely obvious.

Claim 1 of US 6,868,525 provides a selection of two algorithms for organizing the objects, a feature absent from the present claims. Claim 1 of the present application defines the hierarchy with "a respectively lower level falling within a respectively higher level having a generic characteristic, ...to thereby group objects having an information content relation and classify characteristics of objects within classes," a feature absent from US 6,868,525. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are not obvious in view of each other.

Likewise, claim 33 of US 6,868,525 requires a selection of two schemes for selecting objects. Claim 27 of the present application provides that "a respectively lower hierarchal level falling within a respectively higher hierarchal level having a generic characteristic, wherein objects having related information content are grouped together and each group represents an information classification," a feature absent from US 6,868,525. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are not obvious in view of each other.

New claim 32 includes the step of "automatically organizing the selected objects within classes of a taxonomic hierarchy according to a respective information content, the taxonomic hierarchy having at least three levels, a class at a respective level meeting a classification generic for a respective class at inferior level classification below it, and objects at a same inferior level within different classes not being generic for each other."

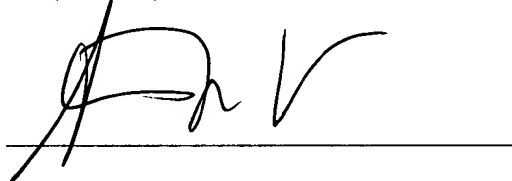
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1-31 are rejected as being obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Hazlehurst et al. (US 5,974,412) in view of Leshem et al. (US 6,470,383), and optionally in view of Hao et al. (US 6,377,287) or Hanson et al. (US 5,974,398).

Leshem et al. teach an automatic presentation of objects according to linkages between objects. Applicants have amended the independent claims to provide that the objects are organized within the hierarchy based on their information content. It is therefore believed that Leshem et al. is distinguished, and the rejections overcome.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the application is now allowable.

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